

I fully support Alicia Kearns, M.P., who has written about specific ways in which the application for Mallard Solar Farm falls short of good practice with regard to:

1. agreement with network rail
2. agreement with Rutland CC and Lincolnshire CC Highway authorities
3. late, unexpected inclusion of compulsory purchase plans in Essendine, and with a totally inadequate budget

Furthermore, we do not know if a full survey has been made on the likely effects of the Solar farm on the rare Great Crested Newt.

For these reasons alone, it seems precipitate to give judgement by mid May.

Additionally, the recent flooding in Greatford indicates the likely incapacity of land in the area to absorb the heavy rainfall that is increasingly likely and almost inevitable as climate change accelerates.

Uffington is an example of one lower-lying village that will likely receive run-off from the panels and over the land compacted by heavy vehicles as panels are installed.

Is this company fit to install this very large piece of infrastructure?